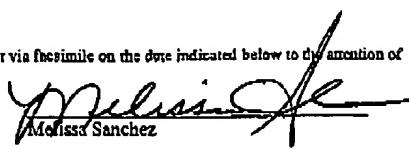


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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action, dated February 8, 2005 in the above-identified patent application, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the application in view of the following Amendments and Remarks.

Amendments to the Claims are shown in the Claim Listing, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

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